

## FRENCH RETURN HARD SMASHES AT GERMANS

Heavy Reinforcements for Joffre's Armies Seem to Be Holding Up the Great German Drive at Verdun, Although Berlin Claims Continuation of the Advance

## UNABATED FURY ON WHOLE LINE

Along the Meuse, the Progress of the Attackers Has Slowed Up Considerably, and Even in the Woëvre District the French Are Offering Effective Resistance

The great battle of Verdun, now entering its second week, is continuing with unabated fury, with the German armies driving hard at the French defenses along the lengthening line which now runs far beyond the salient in which lies the fortress. Paris asserts that with the pouring in of a heavy reinforcement for General Joffre's armies, the German advance has been checked, but Berlin claims a continuation of the forward march on the French stronghold.

Along the Meuse, to the north of Verdun, the Germans have been unable to make as rapid progress as in the initial stages of the battle and even on the Woëvre front, where the French fell back, they now appear to be offering effective resistance. The French defensive operations at the same places are taking on the nature of a counter-offensive, as in the attacks on Fort Douaumont, four miles northeast of Verdun.

Paris, Feb. 28.—German troops by a surprise attack have been successful in entering certain advanced French trenches near Navarin Farm in the Champagne district, according to the French official statement this afternoon.

In the region north of Verdun, the bombardment continued with intensity, particularly in the central sector and on the French right. The German forces yesterday evening made several attempts to capture the village of Douaumont. Their efforts were broken by the resistance of the French troops, who withstood most furious assaults. The situation at the fort of Douaumont is without change; the fort remains closely encircled.

In the Woëvre district, the Germans yesterday and last night assumed greater activity. The railroad station at Eix, after having changed hands several times, finally remains in the possession of the French. All efforts of the Germans against hill No. 255, near Eix, were without result. The German attack against the French positions at Manheulles resulted in complete failure, the French artillery replying with energy to the bombardment of the Germans along the entire front.

## GERMAN GAINS NOT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Berlin War Office Asserts That German Troops Have Made Progress North of Verdun.

Berlin, via wireless, Feb. 28.—Although further advance has been made by the Germans north of Verdun, no changes of great importance are revealed by the war office statement to-day.

## GERMANS DECLARE BIG DAMAGE DONE

Report That Their Bombs Destroyed Five British Factories and Three Warships During Zeppelin Raid

Jan. 31.  
Berlin, via wireless, Feb. 28.—On the occasion of the last Zeppelin raid over England on Jan. 31 two government factories and two ammunition factories at Birmingham and one ammunition factory near Bradford were destroyed by bombs, the Overseas news agency asserts. The agency also says the British cruiser Caroline and the destroyers Eden and Nish were sunk. The Caroline, it is declared, sank in six minutes, 31 members of the crew being killed, 58 injured and 47 drowned.

A Berlin dispatch on Feb. 10 said that the three warships mentioned had been sunk during a Zeppelin raid but this was denied by the British government, which stated that neither the Caroline nor any other British warship nor any merchant ship was struck by bombs.

## ONE MAN KILLED

In Crash Between Freight Trains, One Bound for Bellows Falls.

Westminster, Mass., Feb. 28.—A rear-end collision between two freight trains caused the death of Daniel Cullinane of Concord, conductor of one of the trains, and tied up traffic at this point for four hours yesterday. A string of cars from Boston for East Deerfield was bumped by a train bound from Boston for Bel-

lows Falls, Vt. Four men were in the caboose of the forward train, but all except Cullinane escaped injury.

## FILLING WAR ORDERS; HAVE \$125,000 FIRE

Hubbard & Co. Shovel Manufacturers of Pittsburgh, Damaged To-day and the Cause of Fire Is Not Known.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—A fire in the plant of Hubbard & Co., shovel manufacturers, to-day, did \$125,000 damage. The company was filling war orders. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## SERIOUS FIRE AT HOLYOKE.

A Three-story Building Becomes a Total Loss.

Holyoke, Mass., Feb. 28.—A three-alarm fire at 7:05 last night called the department to a bad fire in the three-story block at 75 Main street, owned and occupied by the C. F. Sullivan company, plumbers and steamfitters. The fire was under good headway when discovered and the block and stock was practically destroyed.

The street floor was occupied by a store and the two other floors were used as a workshop and storeroom. The firm estimated the stock at \$18,000 last evening, and the block was valued at \$12,000. Fire walls prevented the fire from extending to the blocks each side, but considerable smoke penetrated to the Hotel Lawler and one man was brought down from the upper floor by Lieut. Manning of the fire department.

## CONCORD STATION DAMAGED.

Several Offices and Rooms Were Burned Out To-day.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 28.—Fire to-day did several thousand dollars' damage to the Boston & Maine railroad station. It started in a brakeman's locker in the baggage room, burned through the mail room and several offices on the second floor, including that of President Benjamin A. Kimball of the Concord & Montreal railroad.

## TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Because of Overheated Stove in Store at East Millinocket, Me.

East Millinocket, Me., Feb. 28.—Two men were burned to death while sleeping in a provision store of Dominick Moscone early this morning. The fire is believed to have been due to an overheated stove.

## CANAL BLOCKED BY WRECK.

Schooner with Coal Went Down in Cape Cod Cut.

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 28.—The two-masted schooner Helen G. King of Boston, loaded with coal, sunk yesterday in the Cape Cod canal about a mile west of Bourne and until the craft is raised the canal is likely to be out of commission.

The schooner, which was bound eastward, became unmanageable on account of an accident to her steering gear and ran on the rocks on the north side of the canal, going down in a short time. She lies diagonally across the ditch, with only her stern out of the water. The crew of four got off without difficulty.

## BRITISH LINER EXTENDED.

In Order to Allow French Troops to Go to Verdun's Defense

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 28.—British lines in Belgium and France are being extended to replace French troops who are being rushed to the Verdun region to take part in the fight "which has settled down to a terrific slaughter," according to advices received here from the battle front. Approximately 20 army divisions have been thrown into the battle by the Germans while the French troops number 15 divisions, cable messages said.

## "PRODDED HIM" TOO HARD.

Knife Went Thrice Into John McLaughlin's Body.

Rutland, Feb. 28.—John McLaughlin, aged 25 years, a lumberjack, living in the town of Rutland, is at the Rutland hospital in great danger of having blood poisoning or of dying from shock due to loss of blood. Salvin Rich of Mendon, aged 70 years, a survivor of the 5th Vermont infantry, is at the Rutland county jail on a serious charge and Harvey Ranger of Mendon is held as a state witness as the result of a stabbing affray during a drunken row early Saturday morning at the home of Rich, who lives alone six miles east of Rutland. Rich has admitted cutting McLaughlin three times with a big hunting knife and the doctors have found three incisions ranging from one and a half to four and a half inches in length on the man's back between the hips and the shoulder blades.

State's Attorney C. V. Poulin and Deputy Sheriff Henry R. Adams were roused out of bed at 3 o'clock Saturday morning by neighbors of Rich who heard of the affair. Taking assistants they hurried to Mendon and found McLaughlin lying on the floor at Rich's home. The floor and his clothing were covered with blood and he was so weak that he fainted when the tried to move him. Rich, who told of the affair as best he could in his intoxicated condition, submitted to arrest without making any trouble. The blood stained hunting knife with which he assaulted McLaughlin was found by the officers.

According to Rich's story, McLaughlin and Ranger were in Rutland Friday night and they bought a quart of alcohol which they took to Rich's house. The trio drank freely and about midnight Ranger went to bed. A little later, Rich said, he tried to get McLaughlin to retire too, but the younger man was obstinate and they got into an argument and the war veteran "prodded him." After McLaughlin had sunk to the floor, nearly unconscious from loss of blood, Rich awakened Ranger and said that he "hurt Mac" more than he meant to. Ranger went for assistance.

Rich has been a resident of Mendon many years and is a town lister. His case will come before the grand jury at the March term of county court. He will not have a preliminary hearing until the result of McLaughlin's wounds can be determined. J. C. Jones of this city will defend Rich.

## 151 DROWNED WHEN STEAMER STRUCK MINE

The Ship Maloja Went Down Two Miles off Dover, England, Shortly After Starting Out on Trip, and Rescuing Vessel Met a Similar Fate

## GREAT EXPLOSION MADE VESSEL SHUDDER

Prow Was Turned Toward the Shore, but Engines Became Unmanageable—Most of Dead Passengers Were Officers of the British Army

London, Feb. 28.—Of a total of 411 passengers and crew on the Peninsular and Oriental line steamship Maloja, which struck a mine and sank two miles off Dover yesterday only 260 are known to have been saved. One hundred and nineteen passengers were aboard the steamer, of whom only 64 appear among the list of names of those saved. At the company's office, however, it was stated that it is hoped more names of persons saved will be received.

Among those rescued yesterday was a baby, which was found floating on its back by a patrol boat. The baby was taken into the engine room and after being warmed smiled at its rescuers apparently none the worse for the immersion.

The Maloja left Tilbury only Saturday for Bombay with mails, 119 passengers of all classes aboard and a crew numbering about 250, most of them Lascares. Other passengers were to join the ship at Marseilles.

The steamer had just passed Admiralty pier at Dover and was opposite Shakespeare cliff, when an explosion shook her from end to end. She listed immediately to port. High seas were running, and the captain realizing that great damage had been done to the after part of the vessel, tried to run her ashore, but the engine room was swamped and the ship became unmanageable.

The plight of the vessel was observed and dozens of craft went at full speed to her rescue. One of them, the British tanker Empress of Fort William, of 2,181 tons, struck another mine and sank.

Aboard the Maloja everything possible was done to get the passengers and crew off. All the boats had already been swung out before she struck, as a precaution against accident, and all those aboard had sufficient time to put on life belts.

Boat after boat and a number of rafts were sent away, but several persons leaped into the water and were picked up by the surrounding craft. It was at first thought that all had been saved, but later bodies were washed ashore and their number was gradually added to during the day.

Owing to the fact that Dover is under strict military law it was possible to obtain only meagre details from those rescued. The captain said that both passengers and crew behaved splendidly.

The passengers were for the most part British officials in the Indian service, the most prominent being Judge Oldfield of the Indian high court.

Only one of the crew of the Empress of Fort William was drowned. Up to midnight the bodies landed from the Maloja included eighteen men, eleven women and four children, in addition to eleven Lascares. Among the dead is Mrs. McLeod, wife of General McLeod.

## RUSSIAN STEAMSHIP ANOTHER VICTIM

Fifteen Aboard the Petshenga Were Saved—The Petshenga Was Formerly a German Boat, But Was Captured by Russians.

London, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamship Petshenga has been sunk. Fifteen of those on board were saved. The Petshenga was formerly the German steamship Erik Larsen, which was captured by the Russians early in the war.

## MAIL STEAMER LOST.

Mecklenburg Struck a Mine—Passengers Were Saved.

Flushing, Holland, via London, Feb. 28.—The mail steamer Mecklenburg of the Zealand line ran on a mine while on a voyage from Tilbury to Flushing. The vessel was lost.

Officials of the line state that the passengers and crew and the mails were saved.

The passengers, crew and mails of the Mecklenburg were taken off by the Holland-American liner Westerdijk.

The Zealand service has been provisionally suspended.

The Mecklenburg was 2,885 tons gross and was built at Glasgow in 1909. The vessel was 349 feet long.

All the Members of the Crew Are Reported Saved.

London, Feb. 28.—The British steamship Suevic from New York Feb. 11 for Havre has been abandoned at sea, according to a dispatch to Lloyd's from Limerick, Ireland. All the members of the crew are reported to have been taken off by another steamer.

## MILITARY COMPANY FORMED AT GODDARD

Seminary Boys Are Enthusiastic Over New Department To Be Conducted By Norwich University Man.

Military training will begin at Goddard seminary late to-day in earnest. In common with a number of preparatory schools in New England, the question of school training in the manual of arms has been under consideration at the seminary for several weeks, but Goddard is the first school in this section to adopt a fixed program of instruction. Thus far more than 30 boys have volunteered to receive the instruction and while the service is not compulsory, it is expected that a company of 50 will be organized within a few days.

Prin. O. K. Hollister stated to-day that instruction is to be given by staff officers from Norwich university. The governing uniforms and arms, and for the time-being there will be a drill each week. With the advent of warmer weather, the students will have their training out of doors and drills will be held often than once each week. Those who have enlisted in the company are enthusiastic over the prospects of receiving military training. The company is registered as a part of the organized battalion at Norwich, where every member belongs to the Vermont National Guard. Thus it follows that Goddard's company is virtually enlisted as a reserve for the first Vermont regiment.

The seminary gymnasium is to be used as a drill hall. Very few of the students who have registered are at all familiar with the rudiments of military training and so at the outset the drill master will concern himself principally with fundamentals in the manual.

## NEW CHURCH OPENED.

Methodist Structure at St. Johnsbury Cost \$80,000.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 28.—The new Grace Methodist church was opened yesterday, hundreds of parishioners worshipping in the handsome new edifice.

It replaces the one burned a year ago last January and when completed will be one of the finest and best equipped church homes in Vermont.

The building is 60x125, of New Hampshire granite, with trimmings of New York granite, and the interior is finished in oak. The church and furnishings, including the large pipe organ, will represent a cost of \$80,000. The church is being built by the Cummings Construction company of Ware, Mass. Work was begun last June, the corner stone laid Sept. 18. It is expected now that the building will be completed in May, and that the dedication will take place May 14, with Bishop Hamilton presiding and assisted by former pastors of the church.

The impressive services yesterday were conducted by the pastor, Rev. George A. Martin, and were held in the assembly room, the auditorium not being completed. Since the church was burned, the services have been held in the Colonial theatre. Many generous gifts have made the new Grace church possible. The beautiful memorial windows are all gifts.

The main window at the front of the church is being made by Tiffany of New York. This is to be 20x12 feet and will be placed in the building in September. The building committee is composed of the pastor, A. L. Bailey, R. Q. Hamilton, S. D. Atwood, and Calvin L. Clark.

## RAILROAD MEN ATTENDED

Together with Eagles, the Funeral of William M. Grant.

Railroad men and members of Barre's Eastern Order of Eagles, as well as many friends who are not affiliated with the Eagles or railroad brotherhood, paid marked tribute to one of their number Sunday afternoon, when funeral services for William M. Grant, for several years Central Vermont yard master, who died Friday, were held in the Perry & Noonan mortuary chapel on Depot square at 2 o'clock. Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was the officiating clergyman and the following men acted as bearers: Joseph Gray & McNulty; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muldoon of the Central Vermont railroad, and William Murray and Charles Trentini, who represented the Eagles. The Eagle services were held at the chapel and at the vault. A delegation of nearly 70 men, including a large number of railroad employees, acted as an escort while the remains were being removed to Elmwood, where they are to repose in the receiving vault until spring, when interment will be made in Hope cemetery. Delegations of railroad men from St. Albans and White River Junction were in the escort.

Among the tributes in a profuse floral offering were the following: "Growth of mixed flowers, brotherhood of railroad trainmen, No. 535; anchor of mixed flowers, employees of the Montpelier & Wells River and the Barre & Chelsea railroads; wreath of mixed flowers, Eagles; carnations and hyacinths, Mr. and Mrs. E. Campagnari and family; carnations, Leclair & McNulty; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bizzozero; hyacinths, L. O. Morgan; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. T. Gabeloni; carnations, Misses Josephine and Angie Rizzi; carnations, Ermani Rizzi; carnations, Miss Alba Rizzi; carnations, Miss Annie Fontana.

## CHILD FEARFULLY BURNED.

Fell Into Kettle of Hot Water on Kitchen Floor.

Joseph Cano, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cano of 60 Granite street, is at the City hospital suffering from fearful burns which were inflicted when he fell into a mop pail of hot water Sunday afternoon. The little fellow is 26 months old and was learning to walk. Mrs. Cano left the pail on the floor for a few moments while she stepped into an adjoining room. Cries from the kitchen led to the discovery of the baby partially immersed in the water. Dr. M. L. Chandler was called and the boy was hurried to the hospital. The back of the body and shoulders were badly scalded and other burns about the body intensified the child's suffering. The Cano's have one other child, a babe of three months.

## ACTIONS IN PROBATE COURT.

In probate court to-day William E. Turney of Middlesex made his annual settlement as trustee of a trust fund created by the will of Samuel N. Turner, late of Duxbury, and George Williams of Berlin was appointed administrator of the estate of Ellen J. Williams.

W. E. Lappen, a well known East Barre man, passed through the city yesterday while on his way to Mount Clemens, Mich., where he is to remain several weeks for the benefit of his health.

## GERMANY WILL NOT POSTPONE ATTACK ORDER

Notifies United States That Merchant Ships Armed "Defensively" Will Be Attacked by Submarines After Feb. 29, According to Instructions

## SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS ABOUT UNARMED SHIPS

Count Von Bernstorff Presented Note from Berlin To-day to Secretary of State Lansing—Austria's Stand Is Identical with That of Germany

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—In a note presented to Secretary of State Lansing to-day by Count Von Bernstorff, Germany assured the United States that it has no intention of revoking the pledges given in the Lusitania case. The note says that Germany can conceive of no reason for changing or postponing the new instructions to submarine commanders to treat as warships the enemy merchantmen armed "defensively" and that special precautions have been taken to prevent ships not armed being attacked.

Baron Zweidnek, charge of the Austrian embassy, had an engagement to confer with Secretary Lansing later. Austria's position to be announced is identical with Germany's.

The instructions direct the German ambassador particularly to tell Secretary Lansing that British merchantmen, armed ostensibly only for defense, have not assumed the character of peaceful traders, but that on the contrary they carry guns for the special purpose of attacking German submarines. To support this claim the Berlin foreign office has sent the ambassador for presentation to the state department, a list of at least 20 incidents where it is claimed British merchant ships have attacked submarines.

Confidential advices received from Berlin state that German and Austrian submarine commanders already have been given their new orders and that from midnight Tuesday they will be authorized to sink without warn all armed merchant ships of the enemies of Germany.

It was said also that many of the submarine commanders probably had left their bases on voyages and that even should the United States request the postponing of the opening of the campaign it would be impossible to get word to many of the submarines. It was stated, however, that no other nation had asked a postponement. Count Bernstorff and other officials of the German embassy declined to discuss the instructions from Berlin.

## LADIES OF BUCHAN WERE IN CHARGE

Of Annual Observance of Fasten's E'en Held at Clan Gordon Hall Saturday Evening—A Banquet Was a Feature.

Buchan folk held their annual observance of fasten's e'en in Clan Gordon hall Saturday evening with a very representative attendance of Glengie club members and their wives. Merrymaking began with the banquet at 7:30 o'clock and continued until midnight, the affair being in charge of the ladies, owing to the fact that this fasten's e'en occurred in a leap year. Much that is explanatory in an interesting way is contributed by a member of the club in giving an account of the observance.

Bannock night, or fasten's e'en, is an institution that is almost lost in the mists of antiquity. It is certainly a relic of pre-reformation times in Scotland and here are comparatively few Scotsmen in Barre who are familiar with its significance. But members of the Glengie club endeavor each year to celebrate it as they were accustomed to do in their own district. Every year since they began to observe the festival has shown an improvement over previous years. Saturday's bannock night coming in leap year, the club handed the management over to the ladies of the club and needless to say all previous observances were completely eclipsed.

The bill of fare included such items as bannocks and treacle, cheese and oat cakes, an unlimited supply of good cheer for the men folks and tea and cakes for the women. The dance program, under the management of Mrs. Chubb, included such old-time numbers as Petronalia and "Strip the Willow," which made the old-timers get a movement on which they had thought lost these many years. Toward 12 o'clock, under the gentle persuasion of the unmarried and widowed ladies of the club, the male members were pretty well exhausted from dancing. Before the company dispersed, it was voted the best bannock night the club has ever celebrated. The committee was composed of Mrs. Leel, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Chubb, Mrs. McHardy, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Cowie and Mrs. Gauld.

Funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. Peter Gordon, 103 North Seminary street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will be the officiating clergyman, and interment will be made in Hope cemetery. Members of the family request that flowers be omitted.

At the K. of C. club rooms on North Main street to-morrow evening Barre council will entertain the members of Montpelier council, the occasion being the 85th of a series of six tournaments in cribbage and pool, which the councils are playing this winter.

## QUINCY CUTTERS HAVE NOT AGREED

All the Other Unions Connected with Quincy Granite Industry Have Come to an Understanding with Manufacturers.

Quincy, Mass., Feb. 28.—Final settlement of the dispute between the granite workers of Quincy and the manufacturers over hours and wages now depends on the outcome of conferences between the manufacturers and the cutters who have not yet come to an agreement. All the other branches of the industry have come to an agreement except the cutters, and the time for which the agreement of the other branches will run depends on the terms made by the cutters.

The quarries, polishers and engineers reached a settlement several weeks ago, and the blacksmiths and sharpeners came to an understanding Saturday. Unless the new price agreements are settled for all the workers in the granite industry by March 1 a general strike may be called in Quincy.

Committees from the granite cutters' union and the manufacturers' association met Saturday, and although no decision had been reached after a long session, it was said that progress had been made. The committees will meet again Monday night.

## DEATH OF W. E. CARROLL.

Former Barre Young Man Died at Kearny, N. J.

A telegram received here Sunday announced the death of William E. Carroll, formerly of Barre, which occurred at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll, in Kearny, N. J., Saturday evening at 8:45 o'clock, the end following an illness of a month. Besides his mother, Mr. Carroll is survived by his wife, who was Miss Bertha Thornton of Montpelier, and one son, Howard Carroll. He also leaves six sisters, Misses Alice, Esther, Helen, Adele, Bernice and Gladys Carroll.

The remains will be brought to Barre, the funeral party leaving New York Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock and arriving in this city over the Central Vermont railroad in the evening at 7 o'clock. The body will be taken to the home of Miss Flora Murphy, 17 Forsythe place. Funeral services will be held in St. Monica's church Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, the parish priest, Rev. P. M. McKeown, officiating. Interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street. Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll and the deceased's wife and child, and his sister, Miss Alice Carroll, will accompany the remains to Barre.

Mr. Carroll was born in Barre Sept. 25, 1863. He attended the city schools and for a time, after the death of his father, William J. Carroll, he was associated with his mother in the granite business on Granite street. For two years he was engaged as steward in the Vinetia club. Latterly he had been living in Montpelier, where he was married two years ago. One month ago he went, with his family, to Kearny.

## DIED IN DENVER.

John Vercoe, Jr., Had Been Ill for a Long Time.

Tidings reached Barre by telegraph yesterday of the death of John Vercoe, Jr., which occurred in Denver, Col., whither he went for the benefit of his health some months ago. Mr. Vercoe's demise occurred Saturday and the remains will be brought to Barre. Funeral services will be held in Barre, although arrangements have not been wholly completed. The direct cause of the young man's death was pneumonia, although he was suffering from the effects of tuberculosis. More recent dispatches had indicated that Mr. Vercoe's condition was improving and news of his death came unexpectedly.

He is survived by his father, John Vercoe of Barre, and he also leaves four sisters, Mrs. C. E. Tracy and Miss Florence Vercoe of Barre and Mrs. L. E. Flint and Miss Dorcas Vercoe of Lowell, Mass. The deceased was a native of Barre and had lived until April 29 he would have reached his 21st birthday. He attended the city schools and was working in the commercial course at Spaulding high school when he abandoned his studies. Thereafter he was employed for two years in Montpelier, going to California early in 1915. Three months afterward he went to Denver. Mr. Vercoe was a young man of fine qualities and a wide circle of friends in Barre is left to mourn his passing. He was an adherent of the Methodist church.

## CAME FROM SCOTLAND.

Robert Gray Died Saturday After Illness of One Week.

Robert Gray passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Slora of Cutler corner, Saturday after an illness of less than a week. Death was due to an attack of bronchitis, which was followed by paralysis. Besides his wife he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Slora, with whom he had resided for the past year, Mrs. James Alexander and Mrs. Peter Gordon of Barre, and two sons, William Gray of this city, and Robert Gray, who is a resident of Aberdeen, Scotland. Miss Jane Gray, a sister, lives in Aberdeen.

Mr. Gray was born in Aberdeen July 21, 1847. As a young man he learned the ship carpenter's trade, a vocation which he followed until he came to America with his wife in September, 1914. His marriage to Jessie Craigen took place in Scotland 46 years ago last August. On their arrival in Barre in the fall of 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Gray resided for a time in this city, going later to Cutler corner to make their home. He was an adherent of the Presbyterian church.

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## GET SUPREME COURT ACTION

To Determine Qualifications for Voting on State Referendums

## BROOKFIELD TEST CASE WAS ARGUED

Court Was Hurdled Called in Time to Decide for Sr. Election

In order to determine the qualifications for voters on the two state referendums, the prohibition law and the primary law, at the spring election March 7, a test case has been hurriedly brought and was argued before the Vermont supreme court at Montpelier this afternoon. It is expected that a decision will be announced very soon so that the tangles caused by the interpretations of the various boards of civil authority in cities and towns will be straightened out in time to prepare check lists for the election.

The test case is brought in the name of Thomas W. Martin of Brookfield against C. R. Fullam, A. D. Reed, A. H. Riglow and others of the Brookfield board of civil authority to compel that board to insert his name on the check list of the town so that he may vote at the coming March meeting on the two referendums above referred to. Martin was refused the right to have his name on the Brookfield list. Once the case was started, it was promptly railroaded along the supreme court, an application having been made to supreme court that a special term of that court be held on as early a date as possible. The application was granted and the supreme court was called to meet at Montpelier this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The case of Martin was handled by Lieutenant-Governor Hale K. Darling, while Attorney John N. Harvey of Barre argued in behalf of the position taken by the board of civil authority.

## SEPARATED 15 YEARS.

Mother and Two Children Are About To Be Reunited.

After nearly 15 years' separation, during which there was no communication between the mother and her two children, Miss Louise Brown of Williamstown and her brother, Harold Brown of Alburg, and their mother, Mrs. Alice Brown Grant of Ellensburg Depot, N. Y., are about to be reunited after the last-named place. Miss Brown left Barre this morning for Alburg, where she will meet her brother, and they will then proceed to Ellensburg Depot.

Nearly 15 years ago the woman placed the two very young children in the Warner home at St. Albans and said she would return for them in three weeks. The officials of the home were never able to locate her. Six years ago the girl was placed in the home of O. B. Wood of Georgia, now of Williamstown, and she has made her home there until a year ago, when she went away to work. The latter has just received a letter from her brother, enclosing a letter from their mother, and this is the agency to bring about their reunion.

## WILL COME TO BARRE.

Rev. Bert J. Lehigh of Oswego, N. Y., to Send Formal Acceptance Soon.

At the morning services in the First Baptist church Sunday, the acting pastor, Rev. Dr. Paine, read a communication from Rev. Bert J. Lehigh of Oswego, N. Y., in which the candidate for the local pastorate intimated that his resignation from the Oswego pulpit would be read yesterday. Immediately upon its acceptance, the letter went on. Rev. Mr. Lehigh would mail his acceptance of the Barre call. A favorable response to the call extended by the First Baptist church several weeks ago means that the church will not